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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: <b>Xiangdong Chen et al.</b>	Date: <b>October 14, 2005</b>
Serial Number: <b>10/605,308</b>	Examiner: <b>Anh D. Mai</b>
Filed: <b>September 22, 2003</b>	Group Art Unit: <b>2814</b>
Title: <b>CONDUCTOR LINE STACK HAVING A TOP PORTION OF A SECOND LAYER THAT IS SMALLER THAN THE BOTTOM PORTION (Amended)</b>	H. Daniel Schnurmann IBM Corporation Dept. 18G, B/321, Zip 482 2070 Route 52 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

**AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

**Title of the Invention**

Page 1, lines 2-3, after "Description" and prior to "Background of the Invention",  
please amend the Title as follows:

CONDUCTOR LINE STACK HAVING A TOP PORTION OF A SECOND  
LAYER THAT IS SMALLER THAN THE BOTTOM PORTION ~~CONDUCTOR LINE~~  
~~STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR IMPROVED BORDERLESS CONTACT PROCESS~~  
~~TOLERANCE~~



## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Docket No.  
FIS920030266US1

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10/605,308

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Applicant(s): Xiangdong Chen et al.

Invention: **CONDUCTOR LINE STACK HAVING A TOP PORTION OF A SECOND LAYER THAT IS SMALLER THAN THE BOTTOM PORTION (Amended)**

### TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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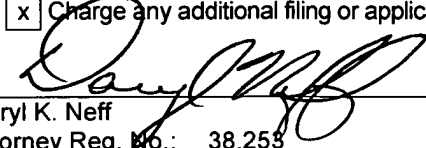
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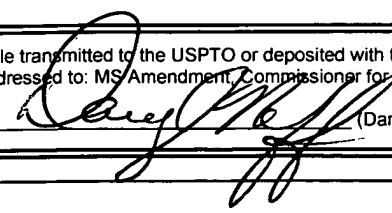
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